



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES
NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

**Hooker Conference Room #245, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

AGENDA

1. Introductions

A. Guests

1. Stephanie Power-Carter
2. Eddie Eads-Bloomington Black Lives Matter
3. Robert Jordan
4. L. Julius Hanks
5. Terrance Thomas

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

3. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2015

4. New Business

1. Community reaction to IU Cinema showing “The Birth of A Nation” on November 12
2. MCCSC 2010 Referendum Update
3. IU student death: Joseph Smedley II

5. Liaison report

1. Congratulations to John McCluskey on his appointment to the Commission. McCluskey is a mayoral appointment.
2. 2016 City of Bloomington Calendar meeting dates
3. CSBM will not meet on November 11 in lieu of Veterans Day
4. ICSSBM state conference report

6. Old Business

1. Updates

- B. Action committee reports
- C. Mentoring Campaign
- D. H-T and IDS article evaluation and biased media reports
- E. Community/Neighborhood Forum
- F. Shively Family and Shively Memorial Scholarship

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
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Meeting Minutes

**WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2015
5:35 P.M.**

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AGENDA

Members Present: Cornelius Wright, Greg Tourner, David Hummons and Cedric Harris
Guests: John McCluskey **Staff:** Beverly Calendar Anderson, City of Bloomington

1. Introductions

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

3. Approval of Minutes - August 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes - approved 4 - 0.

4. New Business

1. Discussion on Black Lives Matter
 - a. Of course all lives matter but is there any concern that Black Lives Matter will go beyond civil disobedience?
 - b. It is different in various cities because of the different make up of citizens in the cities. Eddie Eads is heading up the BLM here in Bloomington.
 - c. Saying BLM does not mean that white lives or police lives do not matter.
 - d. Commissioner Hummons: we should have a conversation to learn more about it. We could reach out to Eddie Eads and invite him to the next meeting.
 - e. Parts of the white community aim to mislead the purpose of the movement.
 - f. What role does the media play? Is the media driving the imagery?
 - g. What about the recent treatment of the Black IU Basketball and Football players who have been suspended or removed from these teams? The IU President referred to them as an embarrassment.
 - h. If Bob Zaltsberg, (the editor of the Herald Times) was here, what do we want the editor to say in regard to this issue? Should there be some equity in the reporting?
 - i. Where do students go to report incidents that happen to them on campus or in the community?
2. CSBM online newsletter content
 1. Use the newsletter to advertise different events and updates. Staff Beverly would caution about being too wordy. Commissioner Wright asked about the frequency of the newsletter, monthly?
 2. Liaison Rafi has some ideas that he can bring to next month's meeting.

5. Liaison report

Postponed to next month

6. Old Business

- A. Updates
- B. Action committee reports
- C. Mentoring campaign
 - A. look to get ideas from the community forum
- D. Monroe County Health Needs Assessment
 - A. Commissioner Wright has a meeting on Friday and will get ideas at that time
- E. Community/neighborhood Forum
 - A. Plan is to meet with youth (junior high and high school) to get their ideas
 - B. 2nd Baptist church is reserved for Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30pm
 - C. Commissioner Wright has paid the \$100 deposit
 - D. We have access to the church vans
 - E. Reason to select 2nd Baptist Church: it would be free to use and is in a central location
 - F. Some youth are not familiar or comfortable with churches.
 - G. What about using Neal-Marshall Grand Hall, Banneker Center or Fairview?
 - H. Monroe County library has a large size youth space on the first floor
 - I. What about LBGT youth and any concern about participating at a church venue?
 - J. Alternative dates to be considered are: October 13 and 27.
 - K. Julius Hanks offered to get the word out.
- F. Shively Family and Shively Memorial Scholarship
 - A. Commissioner Wright wanted to get with Bob Hamel to see if any funds were left over from the previous event to follow up. Will consider inviting him back to a future meeting.
- G. Monroe County Health Needs Assessment: Tri-North
- H. Measurement: Staff liaison will meet with Peggy Chambers, MCCSC on Monday September 14
- I. JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative)
 - A. Commissioner Hummons attended the meeting with social workers and justice system workers. They are looking at alternative activities for these youth to be involved with instead of being in detention. Commissioner Wright asked if attending these activities would be in lieu of going to detention. Would these activities be mandatory? The intention is prevent these youth from going to detention or jail.
- J. Commission response to N.W.A. biopic "Straight Outta Compton"
 - A. Only Commissioner Harris had seen the movie. Based upon general discussion, it was decided that there was no longer a need to create a response. In August, there was controversy with law enforcement being stationed at theaters on opening weekends. Commissioner Wright shared information about "The Green Book".

7. Announcements

- A. John Lewis will be speaking at IU
- B. George Taliaferro is at Bell Trace

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting is October 14, 2015